

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
COMMISSIONERS ON FIREMEN'S
RELIEF

FOR THE
YEAR ENDING NOVEMBER 30, 1927

Department of Treasurer and Receiver-General



COMMISSIONERS ON FIREMEN'S RELIEF OF
MASSACHUSETTS
1927

FRED W. JENNESS, LOWELL, *Chairman*
DANIEL J. LOONEY, BOSTON, *Secretary*
WILLIAM S. YOUNGMAN, BOSTON, *State Treasurer*

[Appointed by the Governor]

HERBERT H. WINSLOW, LYNN.....Term Expires December, 1928
FRED W. JENNESS, LOWELL.....Term Expires December, 1929

[Elected by State Firemen's Association]

EDWARD J. COVENEY, BOSTON.....Term Expires September, 1928
MICHAEL F. TURNER, NEWTON.....Term Expires September, 1929

LEGISLATION

GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 10

COMMISSIONERS ON FIREMEN'S RELIEF

SECTION 21. There shall be a board to be known as the commissioners on firemen's relief serving in the department and consisting of the state treasurer, ex officio, two members appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the council and two members appointed by the Massachusetts state firemen's association. Upon the expiration of the term of office of an appointive member, his successor shall be appointed as aforesaid for two years. Any vacancy existing shall be filled for the unexpired term in the manner of the original appointment.

GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 48

FIREMEN'S RELIEF

SECTION 81. The sum of eighteen thousand dollars may be paid annually, from the state treasury to furnish relief to firemen injured in the performance of their duty at a fire or in going thereto or returning therefrom, or while engaged in company drills, when such drills are ordered by the chief, acting chief or board of engineers of the fire department, or required by city ordinance or town by-law, and to widows and children of firemen killed in the performance of such duty. Payments on account of said relief shall be determined in manner and amount, on properly approved vouchers, by the commissioners on firemen's relief, in the same manner as other claims against the commonwealth. Five hundred dollars of the amount hereby authorized may be expended for the traveling and incidental expenses of said commissioners.

SECTION 82. Any officer or member in active service in an incorporated protective department co-operating with a fire department, and any person performing the duties of a fireman in a town having no organized fire department, shall be entitled to the benefits provided by the preceding section.

SECTION 83. If a person entitled under either of the two preceding sections to the benefits provided in section eighty-one is killed, or dies within sixty days from injuries received, while in the performance of duties entitling him to such benefits, and his death is certified to the state comptroller by the town clerk and the attending physician or medical examiner, the state comptroller shall certify for payment to the executor or administrator of such persons, out of the appropriation annually made for the purpose, the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars for the use equally of his widow and minor children; or if there are minor children but no widow, to their use; or if there is no minor child, to the use of the widow; and if there is no widow or minor child, to the use of the next of kin if dependent on such deceased person for support. A child of full age dependent upon such person for support shall be regarded as a minor child.

STATISTICS

Appropriation 1927

Relief	\$17,500.00	
Incidentals, Appropriation	500.00	
		\$18,000.00

Payments in 1927

Claims	\$ 4,053.50	
Minor children	11,270.00	
Incidentals	475.10	
		15,798.60

Balance		\$2,201.40
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Incidental Expenses in Detail

Clerical work	\$172.10
Traveling expenses	260.18
Office supplies	34.88
Postage	7.94

Total	\$475.10
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Claims of Minor Children

City or Town	Number of Beneficiaries	Total Number of Weeks	Amount of Benefits paid at \$2 per week
Boston	31	1675	\$3,350.00
Brockton	6	332	664.00
Brookline	4	214	428.00
Cambridge	1	52	104.00
Chicopee	6	137	274.00
Fall River	8	416	832.00
Fitchburg	2	63	126.00
Gloucester	2	33	66.00
Hanover	4	236	472.00
Holyoke	11	545	1,090.00
Hudson	1	52	104.00
Lowell	5	260	520.00
Lexington	6	312	624.00
Ludlow	1	25	50.00
Lynn	5	214	428.00
Milton	1	52	104.00
Natick	1	52	104.00
Revere	4	157	314.00
Salem	3	156	312.00
Scituate	5	224	448.00
Somerville	4	208	416.00
Springfield	1	52	104.00
Watertown	1	52	104.00
Worcester	2	104	208.00
Wilmington	1	12	24.00
	116	5635	\$11,270.00

Claims of Injured Firemen

CITIES AND TOWNS	Call Men	Permanent Men	Investi- gated	Re- jected	Amounts
Abington	1	..	..	..	\$ 15.00
Amesbury	1	1	1	..	29.00
Amherst	1	1	..	..	119.50
Attleboro .....	..	1	..	..	11.50
Braintree	1	..	..	..	150.00
Brockton .....	..	1	1	1	26.50
Boston .....	..	57	4	1	1,116.50
Cambridge .....	..	2	1	..	53.50
Chelsea .....	..	2	..	..	60.50
Dedham	2	..	2	..	201.00
Everett .....	..	3	1	..	40.50
Fall River .....	..	2	..	..	58.50
Framingham .....	..	1	..	..	13.00
Gardner	1	..	..	..	150.00
Haverhill	1	3	..	..	285.00
Holliston	1	..	..	..	31.50
Holyoke .....	..	2	1	..	30.00
Leicester	1	..	..	..	45.00
Leominster	1	..	..	..	36.00
Lowell .....	..	1	..	..	17.00
Lynn .....	..	10	..	..	181.00
Marblehead	2	..	..	..	76.50
Medfield	1	..	1	..	150.00
Merrimac	1	..	..	..	42.00

Claims of Injured Firemen (Concluded).

Milford	1	..	..	..	63.00
Natick .....	..	1	..	..	10.50
New Bedford .....	..	2	..	..	41.00
Newburyport	1	..	1	..	66.00
Newton .....	..	4	..	..	57.50
North Adams .....	..	1	..	..	15.50
Peabody	1	..	..	..	34.50
Quincy .....	..	1	..	..	6.50
Salem	1	..	..	..	28.50
Somerville .....	..	3	..	..	131.50
Stoughton	2	..	..	..	30.00
Southbridge	1	..	..	..	22.50
Springfield .....	..	5	1	..	148.00
Three Rivers	1	..	..	..	21.00
Waltham .....	..	1	..	..	3.50
Watertown .....	..	1	..	..	14.50
Westboro	2	43.50
Wilmington	2	34.50
Winthrop	1	27.00
Woburn	1	50.00
Worcester	18	3	..	265.50
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					\$4,053.50

Claims considered, 155. Claims allowed, 153. Accident Claims rejected, 2.